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# Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OF

# STRAFFORD.



1908







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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Town  
Clerk and School Board

OF THE

## Town of Strafford,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15,  
1908.

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# Selectmen's Report

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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*Moderator,*  
JOHN W. CARTER.

*Town Clerk,*  
FRANK W. HILTON.

*Selectmen,*  
ELMER A. SCRIBNER, W. W. DURGIN, H. S. SCRUTON.

*Treasurer,*  
CHARLES F. FELKER.

*Auditors.*  
CHAS. W. WALDRON, CHAS. F. HILL.

*Supervisors,*  
PAUL M. FOSS, DANA R. BERRY, JESSE B. GRAY.

*School Board.*  
HIRAM S. HILL, CARROLL E. HALL, ROSCOE E. FOSS.

*Board of Health,*  
HERBERT E. TASKER, CHAS. S. HANSON, WALTER H. BABB.

## VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1907.

Lands and buildings,	\$337,836.00
No. of polls, 284,	28,400.00
No. of horses, 303,	18,005.00
No. of cows, 725,	20,219.00
No. of oxen, 92,	4,990.00
No. of neat stock, 254,	4,435.00
No. of sheep, 195,	822.00
Fowls,	210.00
Vehicles,	2,770.00
Stock in banks,	2,300.00
Stock in trade,	19,200.00
Mills and machinery,	4,175.00
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## APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1907.

State tax,	\$1,120.00
County tax,	1,157.33
Schools, by law,	1,680.00
Schools, by vote of town,	800.00
Highways and bridges,	3,000.00
Permanent improvements,	250.00
Memorial,	50.00
Town expenses,	1,500.00
Library,	67.20
Per cent. added,	306.78
	<hr/> \$9,931.31

Rate per cent., \$2.24.

## PAID FOR SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Hiram S. Hill, treasurer,	\$1,000.00
Hiram S. Hill, treasurer,	1,770.94
Edward E. Babb & Co., flag,	3.34
Ginn & Co., books,	29.50
American Book Co., books,	62.29
E. A. Scribner, flag,	2.00
F. A. Scruton, furnishing and setting flag pole,	2.00
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	\$2,870.07

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$1,120.00
Charles C. Goss, county tax,	1,157.33
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	\$2,277.33

## AID TO POOR.

D. L. Stokes, attendance Geo. Babb,	\$6.00
H. D. Grant, attendance Geo. Babb,	5.50
H. D. Grant, attendance John Locke,	9.00
H. D. Grant, attendance John Locke,	6.00
H. D. Grant, attendance John Locke,	3.00
Lilla B. Foss, care Geo. Babb,	5.00
C. P. Bancroft, board Ada Twombly,	51.68
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	\$86.18

## DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

E. K. Clark,	\$30.00
W. H. Perkins, •	30.00
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	\$60.00



## NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

C. F. Hill, interest on Austin fund,	\$160.00
H. D. Perkins, note and interest,	618.00
Mrs. Ann Brock, note and interest,	775.69
Mrs. Esther Bunker, interest on note,	18.00
Smith W. Caswell, interest on note,	18.68
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	\$1,590.37

## MRS. SALLY BABB ACCOUNT.

D. L. Stokes and Dr. Keay, examination,	\$6.00
Mary E. Hanscom, care Mrs. Babb,	12.25
C. P. Bancroft, board,	21.75
E. A. Scribner and H. S. Scruton, taking Mrs. Babb to Concord, and expenses, one day at Rochester,	16.91
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	\$56.91
Received from estate Mrs. Babb,	\$56.91

## PAID SUNDRY PERSONS FOR SERVICES.

Daniel Clay, dog constable,	\$15.00
Paul M. Foss, services supervisor, 1906,	10.00
Jesse B. Gray, services supervisor, 1907,	10.00
Hiram S. Hill, treasurer school district,	7.00
Hiram S. Hill, member school board,	25.00
Dana R. Berry, truant officer, 1907,	12.00
Paul M. Foss, services supervisor, 1907,	10.00
Dana L. Drew, services constable, 1906-07,	4.00
C. F. Felker, services truant officer, 1906,	10.00
J. H. Perkins, part payment collecting, 1906,	15.00
C. W. Waldron, ballot clerk, 1906,	2.00
F. J. Piper, balance services selectman,	10.00
C. E. Hall, member school board,	25.00
J. J. Perry, services auditor,	2.00

C. H. Perry, balance services selectman,	10.00
Geo. P. Foss, ballot clerk, 1906,	2.00
Cecil Shepard, town clerk, 1906,	30.00
Cecil Shepard, return births and deaths, postage and stationery,	10.44
E. A. Scribner, services auditor,	2.00
C. A. Hall, balance services selectman,	11.00
John Dattler, caring for town hall,	6.00
C. F. Felker, treasurer, 1907,	50.00
R. E. Foss, member school board,	25.00
J. H. Neal, M. D., services in Pender and Witham case, per order town counsel,	50.00
H. C. Soule, in part for collecting, 1907,	75.00
F. W. Hilton, town clerk, 1907,	30.00
F. W. Hilton, issuing burial permits,	4.25
F. W. Hilton, returns births, marriages, deaths,	4.95
F. W. Hilton, postage,	1.25
D. A. Gamman, return of marriages,	1.00
E. A. Scribner, services as selectman,	70.39
W. W. Durgin, services as selectman,	63.50
H. S. Scruton, services as selectman,	53.25
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	\$657.03

#### PAID MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

George P. Foss, repairing hitch rail on town house lot, 1906,	\$4.00
Marshall Press, printing reports,	39.40
E. A. Scribner, keeping two tramps, 1906,	2.00
Mrs. E. E. Huckins, keeping one tramp,	1.00
J. M. Dow, keeping three tramps,	3.00
E. C. Eastman, mdse.,	10.60
F. W. Hilton, express on books,	.45



James H. Foss, piano,	50.00
Geo. P. Foss, 1/2 cord fitted wood,	2.00
H. S. Scruton, hauling roll to Rochester,	3.00
H. D. Grant, return births and deaths,	1.40
Sarah J. Parshley, memorial,	50.00
C. S. Hanson, repairing roller,	1.75
J. S. Libby, watering tub,	3.00
Cora A. Clark, library trustee,	67.20
J. M. Dow, keeping four tramps,	4.00
J. M. Dow, watering tub,	3.00
J. C. Hall, watering tub, 1906-07,	6.00
F. P. Whitehouse, watering tub,	3.00
S. W. Caswell, watering tub,	3.00
D. S. Otis, watering tub,	3.00
Courier Pub. Co., printing brown-tail moth notices,	2.00
E. A. Scribner, sundries, 1906-07,	12.99
A. B. Locke, use of roll, 1906,	5.00
C. F. Hill, F. W. Hilton, hauling roll to Rochester,	7.00
J. S. F. Seavey, use of roll, 1907,	2.50
E. C. Eastman, mdse.,	.82
Mrs. George Rowe, keeping two tramps,	2.00
Henry R. Foss, 1/2 cord fitted wood,	2.00
E. A. Scribner, postage, brown tail-moth notices,	2.10
Abbie J. Whitney, housing road machine,	3.00
Cecil Shepard, stationery, 1906,	2.94
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	\$303.15

#### BOARD OF HEALTH.

H. D. Grant, fumigating and services at James Tuttle's, Ernest Rankin's and Ellen Water-houses',	\$18.00
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H. D. Grant, fumigating and services at John Hayes', Ernest Rankin's and Chas. Hanson's,	35.05
H. D. Grant, fumigating and services at Mrs. Bateman's, C. S. Hanson's, Bert Thompson's and Augustus Foss',	35.13
H. D. Grant, attendance Mrs. Bateman, Sylvester Swain, Gus Foss and Bert Thompson,	37.66
H. D. Grant, services at Gus Foss', Mrs. Bateman's, John Locke's,	7.50
Ernest Rankin, per order board of health,	50.00
C. S. Hanson, fumigating C. Young's,	5.00
C. S. Hanson, fumigating Mrs. Bateman's, Augustus Foss', and Oliver Tuttle's,	10.00
C. S. Hanson, fumigating and attendance at Albert Berry's,	6.00
C. S. Hanson, fumigating at Bert Thompson's and Mrs. Swain's,	6.00
C. S. Hanson, posting cards at Albert Berry's, H. Holmes', and fumigating Albert Berry's,	5.50
M. J. Heagney, anti-toxine furnished child of Preston Bennett, 1906,	17.00
Cobb, Hayes & Co., antitoxine furnished Albert Berry's family,	10.50
C. Shaw, milk furnished Bert Thompson while in quarantine,	2.15
J. W. Cater, supplies furnished Bert Thompson's family while in quarantine,	13.15
Geo. P. Foss, member board of health and assisting Dr. Grant,	21.50
R. DeWitt Burnham, fumigating materials,	7.35

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\$287.49



## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Charles F. Foss,	\$9.31
Charles F. Foss,	18.30
Marston W. Brock,	7.74
Marston W. Brock,	32.23
Fred T. Stanton,	22.83
Fred T. Stanton,	7.51
Fred T. Stanton,	7.26
John M. Felker,	20.86
John M. Felker,	9.40
John M. Felker,	7.08
John M. Felker,	1.76
John M. Felker,	25.74
John M. Felker,	11.68
John M. Felker,	7.31
H. S. Scruton,	6.25
C. H. Pinkham,	21.25
H. Pinkham,	13.40
C. H. Pinkham,	15.88
Frank Jones,	1.88
Frank Jones,	.63
Frank Jones,	8.64
Geo. U. Ricker,	29.51
John L. Babb,	49.87
A. B. Preston,	26.01
A. B. Preston,	33.14
A. B. Preston,	2.62
A. B. Preston, 1,400 ft. bridge plank,	28.00
A. B. Preston, stringers,	3.07
A. B. Preston,	41.14
E. K. Clark,	28.42
E. K. Clark,	18.63
E. K. Clark,	21.38
E. K. Clark,	6.25

E. K. Clark,	5.37
E. K. Clark,	9.19
B. E. Ellis,	5.20
B. E. Ellis,	8.75
B. E. Ellis,	15.74
R. F. Babb,	2.98
R. F. Babb,	18.88
W. H. Babb,	38.11
J. L. Babb,	19.37
A. P. Otis,	4.21
L. W. Berry,	51.27
Albert C. Berry,	18.00
Albert C. Berry,	13.50
Albert C. Berry,	26.49
L. A. Rewitzer,	37.03
Edrick I. Foss,	16.30
George L. Foss,	32.62
George L. Foss,	36.11
George L. Foss,	14.63
George L. Foss,	13.39
E. R. Smith,	22.00
Geo. P. Foss,	3.45
J. A. Rowe,	4.76
J. A. Rowe,	31.05
J. A. Rowe,	17.40
Henry R. Foss,	6.52
Henry R. Foss,	11.04
Henry R. Foss,	17.77
Henry R. Foss,	56.80
H. N. Nutter,	27.01
J. H. Perkins,	16.32
J. H. Perkins,	33.04
J. H. Perkins,	3.75
S. V. Gray,	45.19



S. V. Gray,	11.25
J. S. Leighton,	17.39
J. S. Leighton,	12.00
A. R. Drew,	16.80
A. R. Drew,	11.25
W. A. Small,	10.13
H. E. Tasker,	11.69
H. E. Tasker,	8.82
H. E. Tasker,	38.25
C. E. Evans,	15.09
C. E. Evans,	6.48
C. E. Evans,	41.48
Joseph Oshier, use of field as road,	2.00
John S. Libby,	15.15
John S. Libby,	15.11
J. P. Webber,	11.00
J. P. Webber,	2.50
J. P. Webber,	18.50
F. J. Piper,	2.50
S. W. Caswell,	11.64
D. D. Hall,	10.00
W. A. Small,	22.56
C. H. Caswell,	10.50
G. C. Steeves,	13.76
S. E. Avery,	15.25
H. C. Soule,	2.32
H. C. Soule,	2.50
H. C. Soule,	42.03
Frank V. Fernald,	19.77
Clarence Parsons, use of field as road,	3.00
E. C. Hill,	8.37
E. C. Hill,	16.55
E. C. Hill,	4.12
E. C. Hill,	16.99

E. C. Hill,	36.75
J. D. Clark,	15.00
J. D. Clark,	2.00
W. F. Caverly,	17.50
W. F. Caverly,	29.25
A. A. Hanson,	5.76
E. S. Otis,	26.12
E. S. Otis,	11.15
E. S. Otis,	26.25
E. S. Otis,	18.75
E. S. Otis,	5.00
S. M. Leighton,	22.00
S. N. Linscott,	34.49
S. N. Linscott,	4.58
S. N. Linscott,	2.17
S. N. Linscott,	1.25
J. H. Bateman,	31.88
J. H. Bateman,	10.85
J. H. Bateman,	13.50
J. H. Bateman,	3.50
Stephen Evans,	10.49
Stephen Evans,	21.07
Stephen Evans,	6.25
J. H. Canney,	18.63
J. H. Canney,	11.00
J. H. Canney,	6.55
J. H. Canney,	2.75
F. H. Hall, bridge plank,	3.20
W. W. Durgin,	1.30
W. W. Durgin,	3.40
Robert W. Stiles,	4.75
Robert W. Stiles,	37.72
Daniel S. Otis,	33.76
Daniel S. Otis, use of field as road,	2.00



C. M. Foss,	8.75
C. M. Foss,	7.75
M. H. Durgin,	6.38
Harrison Marsh, bridge plank,	2.79
N. B. Seaward,	24.43
N. B. Seaward,	1.50
C. H. Pinkham,	8.75
A. P. Otis,	1.90
A. B. Locke, 2,625 ft. bridge plank,	52.50
A. D. Whitaker, use of field as road,	5.00
J. J. Perry, use of plow, 1906,	3.00
S. V. Gray,	44.75
L. A. Rewitzer,	5.64
Henry C. Soule,	1.88
C. H. Pinkham,	2.00
E. C. Hill,	2.50
H. R. Foss,	3.12
D. D. Hall,	5.00
J. H. Foss,	5.60
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	\$3,268.84

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,  
STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND ACCOUNT  
WITH THE TOWN OF SRAFFORD.

Town contribution,	\$122.48	\$701.00	\$823.48
State contribution,	65.49	405.60	471.09
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Total joint fund,			\$1,294.57
Paid by town,			11.86
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			\$1,306.43

Town disbursements,	\$1,228.09
State disbursements,	78.34
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	\$1,306.43

### ABATEMENTS AND REBATES.

George H. Little, poll tax paid in Lynn,	\$2.24
Ralph B. Foss, horse lost,	1.12
S. N. Linscott, horse lost,	1.36
Cotton Foss, horse lost,	1.12
A. H. Foss, on stock under new soldiers' law,	2.75
W. M. Bateman, horse and cow lost,	2.62
Fred T. Hurd, horse lost,	1.14
A. B. Locke, overtaxed on sawed lumber,	2.69
S. D. Berry, cow lost,	.90
Cecil Caverly, poll tax paid in Lynn,	2.24
Warren Small, poll tax paid in Pittsfield,	2.24
Gilbert Steeves, horse taxed in Kensington,	.67
Mrs. Mary A. Gray, soldier's wife,	1.68
Mrs. Abbie L. Tuttle, soldier's widow,	3.36
Mrs. F. B. Hatch, soldier's wife,	8.96
J. and H. Locke, overtaxed on sprout land,	2.24
J. H. Perkins, on tax list, 1906,	23.04
J. H. Perkins, on tax list, 1906,	21.66
H. C. Soule, on tax list, 1907,	75.83
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	\$157.86

TOWN OF STRAFFORD, TO E. A. SCRIBNER, DR.  
TO SERVICES AS SELECTMAN FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1908.

1907.

March	18. One day at office,	\$1.50
	19. One day at office,	1.50
	23. One day at office,	1.50
April	2. One day, taking inventory,	2.00
	3. One day, taking inventory,	2.00
	4. One day, taking inventory,	2.00
	5. One-half day, taking inventory,	1.00
	6. One day at office,	1.50
	8. One day, taking inventory,	2.00
	10. One day, taking inventory,	2.00
	11. One half day, taking inventory,	1.00
	12. One day, taking inventory,	2.00
	13. One day, taking inventory,	2.00
	15. One day at office,	1.50
	16. One day at office,	1.50
	17. One day at office,	1.50
	18. One day at office,	1.50
	19. One day at office,	1.50
	23. One day at office,	1.50
	24. One day at office,	1.50
	25. One day at office,	1.50
	26. One day at office,	1.50
May	4. One day at office,	1.50
June	1. One day at office,	1.50
	6. One day at office,	1.50
	17. One day looking after roads,	1.50
	22. One day with engineer,	2.00
Aug.	3. One day at office,	1.50
	16. One-half day at office to draw jury,	1.00
Sept.	7. One day at office,	1.50



	9. One-half day at Ezra Hall's,	1.00
	4. One-half day at John Locke's,	1.00
Oct.	5. One day at office,	\$1.50
Nov.	2. One day at office,	1.50
	8. One-half day at office to draw jury,	1.00
Dec.	5. One day at Concord to pay state tax,	3.75
	7. One day at office,	1.50
	13. One-half day at office to regulate jury box,	1.00
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Jan.	4 One day at office,	
Jan.	21. One-half day on brown-tail moth notice,	1.00
Feb.	1. One day at office,	1.50
	10. One day at office,	1.50
	11. One day at office,	1.50
	15. One day at office,	1.50
	Postage, telephone and stationery,	2.14
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		\$70.39

TOWN OF STRAFFORD, TO W. W. DURGIN, DR.  
TO SERVICES AS SELECTMAN FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1908.

1907.

March	18. One day at office,	\$1.50
	19. One day at office,	1.50
	23. One day at office,	1.50
April	2. One day taking inventory,	2.00
	3. One day taking inventory,	2.00
	4. One day taking inventory,	2.00
	5. One-half day taking inventory,	1.00
	6. One day at office,	1.50
	8. One day taking inventory,	2.00
	10. One day taking inventory,	2.00

	11. One-half day taking inventory,	1.00
	12. One day taking inventory,	2.00
	13. One day taking inventory,	2.00
	15. One day at office,	1.50
	16. One day at office,	1.50
	17. One day at office,	1.50
	18. One day at office,	1.50
	19. One day at office,	1.50
	23. One day at office,	1.50
	24. One day at office,	1.50
	25. One day at office,	1.50
	29. One day at office,	1.50
May	4. One day at office,	1.50
June	1. One day at office,	1.50
	6. One day at office,	1.50
July	6. One day at office,	1.50
	22. One day with engineer,	2.00
Aug.	3. One day at office,	1.50
	10. One-half day drawing jury,	1.00
Sept.	7. One day at office,	1.50
	10. One-half day at Ezra Hall's, with coroner,	1.00
Oct.	5. One day at office,	1.50
Nov.	2. One day at office,	1.50
	8. One-half day drawing jury,	1.00
Dec.	7. One day at office,	1.50
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Jan.	4. One day at office,	1.50
	17. One-half day drawing jury,	1.00
	21. One-half day on brown-tail moth notices,	1.00
Feb.	1. One day at office,	1.50
	10. One day at office,	1.50
	11. One day at office,	1.50
	15. One day at office,	1.50

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 \$63.50

TOWN OF STRAFFORD, TO H. S. SCRUTON, DR.  
TO SERVICES AS SELECTMAN FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1908.

1907.

March	18.	One day at office,	\$1.50
	19.	One-half day at office,	.75
April	2.	One day taking inventory,	2.00
	3.	One day taking inventory,	2.00
	4.	One day taking inventory,	2.00
	5.	One-half day taking inventory,	1.00
	6.	One day at office,	1.50
	8.	One day taking inventory,	2.00
	10.	One-half day taking inventory,	1.00
	11.	One day taking inventory,	2.00
	12.	One day taking inventory,	2.00
	13.	One day taking inventory,	2.00
	15.	One day at office,	1.50
	16.	One day at office,	1.50
	17.	One day at office,	1.50
	18.	One day at office,	1.50
	19.	One day at office,	1.50
	23.	One day at office,	1.50
May	4.	One day at office,	1.50
	18.	One-half day looking after roads,	1.00
June	1.	One day at office,	1.50
	17.	One-half day at Gregg's about goats,	1.00
July	6.	One day at office,	1.50
	22.	One day with engineer,	1.50
Aug.	3.	One day at office,	1.50
	16.	One-half day drawing jury,	1.00
Oct.	5.	One day at office,	1.50
Nov.	2.	One day at office,	1.50
Dec.	7.	One day at office,	1.50
	13.	One-half day revising jury box,	1.00



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Jan.	4. One day at office,	1.50
	17. One-half day drawing jury,	1.00
Feb.	1. One day at office,	1.50
	10. One day at office,	1.50
	11. One day at office,	1.50
	15. One day at office,	1.50
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		\$53.25

#### RECAPITULATION OF MONEY PAID OUT.

Schools and school supplies,	\$2,870.07
State and county tax,	2,277.33
Aid to poor,	86.18
Damage to sheep by dogs,	60.00
Notes and interest,	1,590.37
Sundry persons for services,	657.03
Miscellaneous bills,	303.15
Board of health,	287.49
Highways and bridges,	2,368.84
Abatements and rebates,	157.86
State highways,	1,228.09
Mrs. Sally Babb,	56.91
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	\$11,943.32
Amount in treasurer's hands,	5,162.28
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	\$17,105.60

# MONEY RECEIVED AND RECEIPTED FOR BY TREASURER.

Amount in treasury, Feb. 15, 1907,	\$3,966.95
Received of J. H. Perkins, taxes, 1906,	1,494.41
interest, 1906,	40.10
abatements, 1906,	23.04
1906,	21.66
H. C. Soule, taxes, 1907,	8,565.58
abatements, 1907,	75.83
F. W. Hilton, dog licenses,	197.35
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	1,751.03
literary fund,	98.21
high school tuitions,	392.28
A. W. Dean, state highway,	392.75
E. A. Scribner, rent town hall,	28.50
estate Mrs. Sally Babb,	56.91
H. S. Scruton, bridge plank,	1.00
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	\$17,105.60

## OUTSTANDING DEBTS FEB. 15, 1908.

Smith W. Caswell,	\$622.61
Esther J. Bunker,	600.00
School District No. 11, before annexed to No. 10,	28.61
Austin fund,	4,160.00
Lavina H. Young fund,	1,000.00
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	\$6,411.22

## AMOUNT DUE THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1908.

Real estate sold for taxes, bought by town and not redeemed, C. Shaw list, 1888-'89,	\$60.55
Real estate sold for taxes, bought by town and not redeemed, J. W. Tuttle list, 1895,	115.18

Real estate sold for taxes, bought by town and not redeemed, J. L. Hall list, 1896,	17.74
Real estate sold for taxes, bought by town and not redeemed, E. A. Scribner list, 1897,	168.37
Real estate sold for taxes, bought by town and redeemed, J. W. Tuttle list, 1898,	17.26
Amount not collected, H. C. Soule list, 1907,	1,293.24
Amount in treasurer's hands,	5,162.28
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	\$6,834.62

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STANDING OF THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1908.

Amount due the town Feb. 15, 1908,	\$6,834.62
Outstanding debts Feb. 15, 1908,	6,411.22
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Balance favor of town Feb. 15, 1908,	\$423.40
Balance against the town Feb. 15, 1907,	\$1,813.67
Balance favor of town Feb. 15, 1908,	423.40
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Total gain,	\$2,237.07

*Respectfully submitted,*

ELMER A. SCRIBNER.  
 WOODBURY W. DURGIN.  
 HERBERT S. SCRUTON.  
*Selectmen of Strafford.*

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We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. WALDRON,  
 C. F. HILL,  
*Auditors.*



# Treasurer's Report.

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## RECEIPTS.

Money received and receipted for by Chas. F. Felker, treasurer, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1908.

Amount in treasurer's hands Feb. 15, 1907,	\$3,966.95
Received of J. H. Perkins, collector, 1906,	1,494.41
interest, 1906,	40.10
abatements, 1906,	23.04
1906,	21.66
Henry C. Soule, collector, 1907,	8,565.58
abatements, 1907,	75.83
Frank W. Hilton, dog licenses,	197.35
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	1,751.03
literary fund,	98.21
high school tuition,	392.28
A. W. Dean, state engineer,	392.75
E. A. Scribner, rent of town hall,	28.50
from estate of Sally Babb,	56.91
H. S. Scruton, bridge plank,	1.00
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	\$17,105.60

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## EXPENDITURES.

Money paid by orders from the selectmen by Charles F. Felker, treasurer, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1908.

Schools and school supplies,	\$2,870.07
State and county tax,	2,277.33
Aid to poor,	86.18

Damage to sheep by dogs,	60.00
Notes and interest,	1,590.37
Board of health,	287.49
Sundry persons' services,	657.03
Miscellaneous,	303.15
State highway,	1,228.09
Highways and bridges,	2,368.84
Expenditures for Sally Babb,	56.91
Abatements and rebates,	157.86
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	\$11,943.32
Total receipts to date,	\$17,105.60
Total disbursements to date,	\$11,943.32
Balance in treasurer's hands,	5,162.28
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	\$17,105.60

*Respectfully submitted,*

CHARLES F. FELKER,

*Treasurer.*

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We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. WALDRON,

C. F. HILL,

*Auditors.*

# School Treasurer's Report.

MONEY RECEIVED AND RECEIPTED FOR BY HIRAM S. HILL, TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1908.

Balance in hands of treasurer Feb. 15, 1907,	\$236.59
Received from town treasurer amount required by law,	1,680.00
Received from town treasurer, vote of town,	800.00
literary fund,	93.94
dog money,	137.00
interest Lavina Young Fund,	60.00
1¼ M. shingles sold,	3.75
book sold,	.25
tuition, out of town,	2.75
Total,	\$3,014.28

MONEY PAID OUT BY HIRAM S. HILL, TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1908.

## PAID TEACHERS, SPRING TERM.

No. 1. Grace G. R. Berry, 11 weeks at \$6.50, \$71.50



3. Florence A. Foss, 11 weeks at \$6.50,	71.50
5. Abbie K. Clark, 11 weeks, at \$5.50,	60.50
7. May P. Hall, 12 weeks at \$6.50,	78.00
9. Myra E. Huckins, 11 weeks at \$6.50,	71.50
10. Lilla F. Huckins, 11 weeks at \$6.50,	71.50
12. E. Lillian Foss, 12 weeks at \$6.50,	78.00
13. Blanch J. Hall, 11 weeks at \$6.50,	71.50
17. Sadie W. Swain, 12 weeks at 7.00,	84.00
18. Florence G. Scruton, 11 weeks at \$7.00,	77.00
19. Edith G. Foss, 11 weeks at \$6.50,	71.50
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	\$806.50

## PAID TEACHERS, FALL TERM.

No. 1. Grace G. R. Berry, 16 weeks at \$6.50,	\$104.00
3. Florence A. Foss, 16 weeks at \$6.50,	104.00
5. Ruby Barrett, 16 weeks at 6.00,	96.00
7. May P. Hall, 15 weeks at \$6.50,	97.50
9. Edith G. Foss, 16 weeks at \$6.50,	104.00
10. Lilla F. Huckins, 16 weeks at \$6.50,	104.00
12. E. Lillian Foss, 16 weeks at \$6.50,	104.00
13. Blanch J. Hall, 16 weeks at \$6.50,	104.00
17. Sadie W. Swain, 18 weeks at \$7.00,	126.00
18. Florence G. Scruton, 16 weeks at \$7.00,	112.00
19. Laura E. Huckins, 16 weeks at \$6.50,	104.00
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	\$1,159.50

## WOOD BILLS.

L. W. Berry, 2 cords, fitted,	\$10.00
E. R. Smith,	8.00
E. K. Clark,	.50
N. B. Seward, sawing 1 cord,	1.00

Clarence F. Hanson, sawing 1 cord,	1.00
Henry R. Foss, 3 cords, fitted,	12.00
Herbert E. Tasker, 2½ cords, mixed,	7.50
C. F. Tasker, 3 cords,	6.93
N. B. Seward, sawing 1 cord,	1.00
Louis Rewitzer, 1½ cords,	6.00
E. R. Smith, 2 cords, fitted,	9.00
F. E. Huckins, 2 cords,	9.00
Albert A. Hanson, 3 cords,	12.00
John H. Perkins,	4.50
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	\$88.43

#### REPAIRS.

C. M. Hill, 2¼M. shingles and hauling,	\$8.12
Roscoe E. Foss,	1.95
Rochester Lumber Co., shingles and boards,	5.60
G. Harvell,	2.50
E. K. Clark,	.25
Ransom Smith, labor,	2.00
Roscoe E. Foss,	1.80
Roscoe E. Foss, labor and cash paid,	6.35
J. H. Perkins, lock and labor,	1.75
G. Harvell,	4.85
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	\$35.17

#### CONVEYANCE OF SCHOLARS.

Maud E. Cotton, spring term,	\$10.00
Mrs. H. N. Nutter, spring term,	16.50
Maud E. Cotton, fall term,	15.00
Mrs. H. N. Nutter,	32.00
Ella Munroe, fall term,	32.00
Fred O. Caswell, year,	37.50
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	\$143.00

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS.

New Hampton, spring,	\$13.34
Rochester high, spring,	26.66
Coe's academy, spring,	15.90
Austin-Cate academy, spring,	248.00
Austin-Cate academy, fall,	256.00
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	\$559.90

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Mrs. A. Thomas, starting fire, No. 5,	\$1.00
R. E. Lane, enumeration cards,	.95
H. E. Tasker, 2 brooms,	.70
H. S. Hill, cash paid as per bill,	6.55
H. S. Hill, water pail and dipper,	.40
C. E. Hall, money paid out,	1.00
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	\$10.60

## SUMMARY.

Paid teachers, spring term,	\$806.50
teachers, fall term,	1,159.50
wood bills,	88.43
repairs,	35.17
conveyance,	143.00
high school tuitions,	559.90
miscellaneous bills,	10.60
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	\$2,803.10

Whole amount received,	\$3,014.28
Whole amount paid out,	2,803.10
Cash on hand,	211.18
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	\$3,014.28

*Respectfully submitted,*

HIRAM S. HILL,

*Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them properly cast and properly vouched.

ADDIE F. SCRIBNER,

VIENNA E. SCRUTON,

*Auditors.*

February 17, 1908.

## TO THE CITIZENS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD.

In accordance with the laws of the state, and as your servants, we must again render an account of our stewardship.

Your committee have labored faithfully for what they considered the best interests of the whole.

Some of the schools supported may look small, but circumstances and the matter of transportation was such that it was deemed advisable to so support them.

With the High school taking our largest and brightest pupils from our ungraded schools, it leaves those of such tender years that it seemed hardly advisable to transport them any great distance, and by figures based upon offers of transportation, we failed to see any great saving.

It is a low estimate that on an average one-fourth of each



term is consumed in recovering lost ground. With an additional term and shorter vacations, more could be accomplished. And yet these children, very many of them, could not, during our average winters, attend school one-half of the winter term, and it is painful to minds at all sensitive to the educational interests of a community to see the marks of absences, tardiness, and dismissals that disfigure many of our school registers.

Whatever criticisms we have had occasion to make upon the discipline or deportment have been made to the teachers themselves.

There is a tendency in our rural districts to intrude the so-called higher branches and modern ideas into our primary and ungraded schools, to the detriment of all who need a thorough elementary training. In such schools these higher branches must be at the expense of the lower. And as the educational edifice stands, they are robbing the foundation to make the structure higher.

There has been two terms the past year, a spring term of eleven weeks, and the fall term of sixteen weeks.

Thirteen different teachers have been employed. Three of these were without previous experience and most of these have attained such a degree of usefulness that we should not hesitate to employ them again.

For further information see table of statistics, roll of perfect attendance, etc.

HIRAM S. HILL,  
CARROLL E. HALL,  
ROSCOE E. FOSS,

*School Board of Strafford.*

Strafford, N. H., February 15, 1908.

Number of School	Number of Term	Teachers	Number of Weeks	Wages per Month	Whole Number Scholars	Average Attendance
1	1	Grace G. R. Berry	11	\$26 00	6	5
1	1	"	16	26 00	5	4
3	1	Florence A. Foss,	11	26 00	8	7
3	2	"	16	26 00	8	6
5	1	Abbie K. Clark	10	22 00	3	2
5	2	Ruby Barrett	16	24 00	6	5
7	1	May P. Hall	12	26 00	10	9
7	2	"	15	9 00	26	8
9	1	Myra E. Huckins	11	26 00	10	8
9	2	Edith G. Foss	16	26 00	9	6
10	1	Lilla F. Huckins	11	26 00	13	10
10	2	"	16	26 00	13	12
12	1	E. Lillian Foss	11	26 00	8	6
12	2	"	16	26 00	9	7
13	1	Blanch J. Hall	11	26 00	9	7
13	2	"	11	26 00	8	6
17	1	Sadie W. Swain	12	28 00	21	18
17	2	"	18	28 00	24	19
18	1	Florence G. Scruton	10	28 00	10	9
18	2	"	18	28 00	7	5
19	1	Edith G. Foss	11	26 00	6	5
19	2	Laura E. Huckins	16	26 00	10	7

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Spring term: Marion L. Wentworth, Nelson Nutter, Harry W. Yeaton.

Fall term: Nelson Nutter, Marion L. Wentworth, Harry W. Yeaton.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Spring term: Lawrence A. Thomas.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Spring term: Hattie M. Berry, Lorena A. Lord, Lottie L. Babb, Victor B. Young, Lester H. Stiles, Edward E. Brown.

Fall term: Hattie M. Berry, Nellie M. Winkley, Lottie L. Babb.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Spring term: Evelyn P. Brown, Harry W. Parshley, Buran M. Smith.

Fall term: Harry W. Parshley, Buran M. Smith, Charles W. Twombly.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Spring term: Bernice M. Hill, Kenneth F. Hill, Carl L. Hill, E. Mildred Scribner, Agnes M. Hall.

Fall term: Marion A. Foss, Leola M. Foss, Kenneth F. Hill, Bernice M. Hill.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Spring term: M. Evelyn Perkins.

Fall term: Elnor I. Perkins, M. Evelyn Perkins, Harold D. Foss.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Spring term: Alice E. Tasker, Bertha F. Small, Elsie V. Parsons, Thelma Parsons.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Spring term: Henry B. Caswell, Lawrence E. Steeves, Erving Clark, Mildred E. Soule.

Fall term: Beulah J. Hill, Henry B. Caswell, Erving Clark.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Spring term: Lawrence W. Brown.

Fall term: Lawrence W. Brown.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Spring term: Etta S. Waldron.

Fall term: Etta S. Waldron.



## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of books taken out at Center, 650; No. cards,	56
Number of books taken out at Bow Lake, 519; No. cards,	37
Number of books taken out at Blue Hills, 125; No. cards,	20
Number of books taken out at Whitcher's, 529; No. cards,	16
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Books, total, 1,823; cards,	129
Number books added during the year,	90
Number state reports during the year,	8
Number books bought with unexpended money, 1906,	8
Number books bought with appropriation, 1907,	74
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	90
Whole number of books in library,	1,249

MRS. H. S. HILL,  
*Librarian.*

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEE.

Money received of the town of Strafford,	\$67.20
Money received of Mrs. A. D. Whitcher,	1.33
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	\$68.53
Paid F. P. Meader for books,	\$54.89
librarian, Mrs. H. S. Hill,	10.00
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	\$64.89
Balance on hand,	3.64
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	\$68.53

CORA A. CLARK,  
*Library Trustee.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H., FROM FEB. 14, 1907, TO FEB. 14, 1908.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex & Cond.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
			Males.	Females.	Living or Stillborn.	No. Child.								
1907														
Apr. 18	Strafford	Hurley Graham	M		L	1	W		Strafford	Physician	Canada	Haverhill	37	20
May 4	"	Clifton Page	"	F	"	2	"	"	"	Farmer	Strafford	Rochester	44	32
July 8	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	Surveyor	Nova Scotia	Strafford	33	25
July 14	"	Harold Scruton	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	Farmer	"	"	23	23
Aug. 29	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	Wheelwright	"	Northwood	22	20
Aug. 18	"	Elizabeth F.	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	Farmer	Dover	"	29	29
Sept. 28	"	Walter Lorenzo	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	Madbury	Strafford	45	"
Oct. 130	"	Ivon Hilton	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	Strafford	Boston, Mass.	32	28
Dec. 20	"	George Richard	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	Strafford	34	32
1908														
Jan. 8	"	For't J Kimball	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	Sawyer	"	"	21	19

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H., FROM FEBRUARY 14, 1907, TO FEBRUARY 14, 1908.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
1907 May 1	Strafford	Fred W. Roberts	Strafford	27	Farmer	Strafford	John Roberts	Strafford	Housewife	1	Rev. G. W. Russell, Strafford
		Jennie H. Foss	"	23	Domestic	"	Mary Robinson	"	Farmer	1	
	"	Hiram A. Winkley	"	25	Farmer	"	Henry R. Foss		Housewife	1	
		Carrie B. Preston	Barrington	18	Domestic	Barrington	Addie R. Tripp	Northwood	Farmer	1	Rev. D. A. Gammon, Strafford
June 22	"	Clarence C. Lent	Lebanon, Me.	36	Merchant	Staten Isl.	Mary E. Babb	Strafford	Housewife	1	
		E. V. Spilney	"	38	Domestic	Maine	Albert D. Preston	Barrington	Farmer	1	
22	"	Samuel E. Creasey	Sanford, Me.	39	Artist	Jersey City	Fannie Perkins	Strafford	Housewife	2	Rev. G. W. Russell, Strafford
		Sadie W. Merrill	Portland, Me.	25	Domestic	Baltimore	William H. Lent	New York	Merchant	2	
July 15	"	John F. Varney	Strafford	21	Sawyer.	Strafford	Emma J. Crane	"	Salesman	2	Rev. G. W. Russell, Strafford
		Abbie K. Clark	"	19	Teacher	"	Phoebe Edson	Maine	Housewife	1	
1908 Jan. 15	"	Clay T. Foss	"	23	Farmer	Rochester	Robert E. Creasey	Wells, Me.	Farmer	1	Rev. D. A. Gammon, Strafford
		Mary A. Bradshaw	Lynn, Mass.	18	Shop Girl	St. JohnsNB	Hannah Elliott	England	Artist	1	
							Sarah M. Tilson	Scotland	Housewife	2	Rev. G. W. Russell, Strafford
							Chas. L. Woodworth	"	Minister	1	
							Chas. A. Varney	Strafford	Farmer	1	Rev. D. A. Gammon, Strafford
							Aletha B. Evans	"	Housewife	1	
							Enoch K. Clark	"	Farmer	1	
							Cora A. McDonald	Sandwich	Housewife	1	
							Isaac A. Foss	Rochester	Farmer	1	Rev. D. A. Gammon, Strafford
							Flora J. Berry	Strafford	Housewife	1	
							Joseph E. Bradshaw	Strafford	Lumber Dr	1	
									Housewife		

\*Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H., FROM FEBRUARY 14, 1907, TO FEBRUARY 14, 1908.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.
			Years.	Months.	Days.					Father.	Mother.			
1907														
Mar. 14	Strafford	W. Harrison Berry	61	7	8	M	W	M	Farmer	Barri'gton	Barringt'n	William Berry	Mary Brown	Pleuritis
Apr. 3	"	George W. Babb	69	1	29	"	"	"	Shoemaker	Durham	Strafford	Joel Babb	Charlotte Babb	Pneumonia
Apr. 9	"	Lovey S. Gray	76	8	26	"	"	D	Housewife	"	Ctr Harbor	Stephen Jones	Louisa Foye	Bronchitis
May 24	"	Sylvester Swaine	72	7	14	M	M	M	Housewife	"	Strafford	Edward P. Swaine	Sarah Oram	Tuberculosis of Lung
June 10	Concord	Hannah Hill	86	9	20	F	F	W	"	"	"	Samuel Hall	Betsy Stiles	Old Age
June 26	Strafford	Sally Holmes Foye	65	5	20	"	"	S	Farmer	"	Clinton Me	Jeremiah J. Foss	Mortha Hayes	Carcinoma of Liver
July 19	"	Oliver L. Tuttle	38	4	9	M	M	"	"	"	Berwick Me	James M. Tuttle	Mary A. Cooper	Heart Disease
Aug. 20	"	Nelson R. Berry	28	6	21	"	"	"	R. E. Cond'r	Barnstead	Strafford	Albert C. Berry	Nellie A. Weeden	Diphtheria
Sept. 14	"	Roswell S. Young	23	6	21	"	"	"	Farmer	"	"	Charles M. Young	Annabelle Babb	Tuberculosis
Oct. 15	"	Freeman P. Roberts	62	9	23	"	"	"	Housewife	"	Warren Me	Christo'r Roberts	Annabelle Mans'n	Congestion of Lungs
Nov. 8	"	Mary E. Harvell	61	11	18	F	"	"	Farmer	Strafford	Strafford	Jesse Williams	Roxanna Leach	Pernicious Anemia
1908														
Jan. 7	"	William F. Stanton	81	4	16	M	"	"	Farmer	"	"	Ezro Stanton	Polly Otis	Locomotor Ataxia
Jan. 21	"	Mary E. Waldron	79	8	2	"	"	W	Housewife	Strafford	"	John Peavey	Mary Caverly	Softening of Brain
Feb. 15	"	Nancy O. Hunt	48	9	26	F	"	M	"	"	"	Joseph F. Caverly	Elizabeth Boody	Pneumonia
Feb. 16	"	Deborah H. Howard	70	2	14	"	"	W	"	"	"	Thomas Scruton	Henrietta Clark	Apoplexy
Feb. 16	"	Garland Brown	88	1	12	"	"	"	Farmer	Barrington	Barringt'n	Nicholas Brown	Polly Smith	Old Age
Feb. 9	"	David B. Winkley	86	4	22	"	"	"	"	Barnstead	Barnstead	Benj. Winkley	Elizabeth Pitman	Heart Disease

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. FRANK W. HILTON, TOWN CLERK.





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